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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**  
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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF**  
**JULY 13, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held On Monday, July 13, 2009 in the Sybil Brand Conference Room 372, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Duba called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Duba  
Vice President Tanberg  
Commissioner Gravely  
Commissioner Rodriguez  
Commissioner Jernigan  
Commissioner Creary  
Commissioner Gallegos

Introduction of audience followed.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2009**

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, the minutes of June 8, 2009 were approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Duba reported the following:

- The Third Supervisorial District vacancy has been filled. However, the First District and Fifth District are now vacant and need to be filled.
- The Commission did not received resignation letter from Commissioner Karin Davalos representing the First District. However, the First District is looking for a candidate to replace her. Treasurer Peggy Freeman submitted letter of resignation July 8, 2009. Commissioner Duba informed the Commission since the Treasurer resigned, the seat is available. Nomination for Treasurer will take place at the next Commission meeting scheduled for August 10, 2009. Commissioner Creary volunteered to serve until the election takes place next month.

**MEMBERS**

Reiko Duba  
*President*

Bobbi Jean Tanberg  
*Vice President*

Vacant  
*Treasurer*

Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.  
Norma L. Gallegos  
Wadie M. Gravely  
Ruth Jernigan  
Charlotte Lesser  
Julie McCarthy Napoleon  
Janet Elliot Mummey, Esq.  
Michelle Pinedo  
Olivia G. Rodriguez  
Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.

- The Annual Retreat has been postponed for August 10, 2009 following the Commission meeting.
- Attended the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Run For Health 5K/10K Run Committee meeting on July 6, 2009.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Rhonda Rangel, Commission Service Staff, reported the following:

- The “*Wellness Fair*” is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Music Center of Los Angeles County, 135 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles.
- The “*Ladies Day*” at Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Forwarded an e-mail to Commissioners regarding the following White House Press Releases: Title 9, White House Appointment to the Violence Against Women, and the National HIV Testing Day.
- The Business Professional Women is looking for a speaker for their upcoming conference on September 12, 2009, at the Sportsmen’s Lodge Hotel in Studio City. Any Commissioners interested, please contact Commission Services staff.
- The Commission for Women purchased five tickets for the Governor’s Conference scheduled for October 27, 2009.
- Copy of the Commission Roster was circulated for corrections and updates.
- Human Resources is having the Ethics Training on Thursday, July 16, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 374A.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Interim Treasurer Creary reported the following on the expendable allowance for the month of June 2009. The beginning balance was \$23,234.87; flex spending expenditures were \$2,000.00 and ending balance \$21,234.87.

(Commissioner Pinedo joined the meeting at 10:17 a.m.)

### **DISCUSSION AND APROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 COMMISSION FOR WOMEN BUDGETED ITEMS**

Following discussion, on motion of Vice President Tanberg, seconded by Commissioner Jernigan and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Commission for Women Budgeted Items. The 2009-2010 budget document is on file in the Commission office.

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(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting at 10:33 a.m.)

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER JANET MUMMEY TO A LIFETIME EMERITUS COMMISSIONER POSITION**

Vice President Tanberg discussed the guidelines to appoint Commissioner Janet Mummey to a "Lifetime Emeritus Position".

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice President Tanberg and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the appointment of Commissioner Jane Mummey to an "Emeritus Position".

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO MOVE THE OCTOBER 19, 2009 COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MEETING TO OCTOBER 5, 2009**

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Creary and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to move the Commission meeting to October 5, 2009.

**2009-2010 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

President Duba thanked each Commissioner for their participation and support. The above titled handout was reviewed with Commissioners. A copy of the 2009-2010 Committee Structure is on file in the Commission office.

**COMMUNITY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION REPORT**

President Duba reported that on June 8, 2009, the First Annual Committee Presentation was held. The presentation was planned for the six standing committees to report activities, accomplishment and achievements. Overall, the presentation was a success. Commissioner Duba thanked committee members and staff.

**UPDATE ON THE 5K/10K RUN/WALK**

On July 7, 2009, Supervisor Don Knabe made a motion to support the Los Angeles County Commission for Women Run for Health 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run. recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Knabe: Request that the Department of Public Health-Office of Women's Health and the Department of Parks and Recreation in partnership with the County Commission for Women convene a "Steps to Healthier Lifestyle" Committee and include Departmental Wellness coordinators; and approve the following:

- Direct the "Steps to a Healthier Lifestyle" Committee to promote the October 31, 2009 "LA County Run for Health 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run;

- Request that all County employees participate in the free, weekly fitness and nutrition classes offered by the Commission for Women;
- Request that the Auditor-Controller publicize the October 31, 2009 event on the September 15, paychecks and encourage employees participation;
- Proclaim Saturday, October 31, 2009 as “LA County Run for Health 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run Day” in support of the event, which encourages all employees to live a healthier lifestyle; and
- Request the Department of Beaches and Harbor to reduce parking fee to \$1 at Dockweiler State Beach.
- The committee met July 6, 2009 to discuss the details of the Run for Health event. Since the event takes place in Halloween, there will be a Halloween costume contest. Volunteers will wear orange color t-shirts and participants will wear white color t-shirts. The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2009.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AS NEEDED**

The following was reported:

- **Communications** – Vice President Tanberg stated that she is excited to get the committee started and will contact members by e-mail.
- **Legislation** – Commissioner Jernigan reported that on June 23, 2009, the enactment of Title IX celebrated 37 years. Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor stated *“Title IX represents a major advance not just for women, but for all Americans and for higher education”*. She also shared information from the LA Times regarding overcrowded County jails.
- **Health** – No report
- **Domestic Violence** – Commissioner Rodriguez stated that she and Commissioner Lesser worked on an Alcohol and Domestic Violence report to be submitted to the Office of Women’s Health. The report will be included with the Office of Women’s Health Annual Health Report. She met with Mr. Marco Fraire, Counsel of Mexico. The Mexican Counsel Office has free of charge services provided to domestic violence victims and Mr. Fraire will be making a presentation to the Domestic Violence Council July 21, 2009. The Ending of Violence Against Women Summit will take place October 6, 2009, at the California Endowment. President Duba requested to see the report before it is submitted to the Office of Women’s Health.
- **Education** – Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported that a survey was sent out to all past scholarship recipients to find out where they at in regards to their education.

She met with Maria Caballero from the School of Nursing who is enthusiastic in assisting the scholarship recipients in obtaining employment. The Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) is in trouble due to the State budget situation. The EOPS provides students assistance with transferring to a four-year university in order to acquire desirable career-related skills to ultimately obtain employment. Commissioner Becerra-Jones asked Commissioner Gallegos for assistance since her area of expertise is employment. Commissioner Gallegos stated she is pleased to assist the students. Commissioner Becerra-Jones further stated that she will provide the Commission with final results of the survey at the next scheduled meeting.

- **Older Women's Issues Committee** – Pat Wilson reported that there will be a meeting scheduled July 23, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 372.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Geneviève Clavreul stated the new director of Health Services was rejected by the Board of Supervisors. She also shared several news articles with the Commission.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Creary reported the following:

- Visited with Commissioner Janet Mummey on June 10, 2009 at 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA.
- Attended the memorial service for Michael Jackson at the Staples Center, Los Angeles, July 7, 2009.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones suggested the Commission start a roundtable discussion to inform and educate women on how to evaluate political candidates because many women are not well informed on what is going on politically with the State of California.

### **MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)**

Commissioner Creary requested staff to include the Lifetime Emeritus Position Policy to next month's meeting agenda.

Commissioner Creary requested staff to invite Claudia Keller from the American Heart Association to give a presentation to the Commission at a future meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Reiko Duba, President  
Bobbi Jean Tanberg, Vice President  
Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.  
Wadie Gravely  
Olivia Rodriguez  
Ruth Jernigan  
Michelle Pinedo  
Norma Gallegos

### **EXCUSED**

Charlotte Lesser  
Julie McCarthy Napoleon  
Veda Ward, Ph.D.  
Janet Elliot Mummey, Esq.

### **UNEXCUSED**

None

### **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Rhonda Rangel  
Mireya Rivera  
Emma De Jesus

### **GUESTS**

Geneviève Clavreul  
Pat Wilson  
Sandra Teasley  
Elaine Rodriguez